

## UPPER POTOMAC AND TRIBUTARIES

Reach Highest Stage in Many Years.

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WINCHESTER, Va., June 5.—After nearly a week of rainy weather, during which about six inches of rain fell in Winchester and other sections of the Shenandoah valley, the greatest rainfall in years in this part of Virginia and the contiguous portions of West Virginia, more seasonable conditions are prevailing, at least for the time being. Much damage has been done to crops in the mountains, which were flooded in the middle of the week. Many people living near the banks of Back creek, about twelve miles west of Winchester, prepared to move out during the height of the storm and turbulent condition of the waters, and a number of six-mile-long canyons, reaching down to the valley floor, were washed away in that creek, but they were saved by the employees of Fred L. Glaze of Winchester. Just below the confluence of the Potomac and Shenandoah rivers, Harper's Ferry, Md., received a little over twenty-two, or slightly less than the Johnston flood high-water mark, which was nearly twenty-eight feet.

Officers of the National Fruit Products company, who were here for one or two days and made arrangements for the erection of their new cider and vinegar evaporating plant, which is to be built on the site of the old mill on the side of the Cumberland Valley railroad in the northern suburbs of Winchester. The people of the Potomac valley, from all sections of the lower Shenandoah valley, from the mountains to the valley floor, of West Virginia gathered in Winchester today and attended the annual conference of the Potomac valley, which were held in Stonewall cemetery, under the auspices of Gen. Turner Ashby camp of Confederate Veterans, the Shenandoah valley, and the Potomac valley. The parade was much smaller than heretofore, and all the veterans rode in automobiles and carriages, instead of marching on foot.

The invitation of Mayor Julian F. Ward, the mayors of Fredericksburg and Charlottesville, and probably the mention of the Potomac valley, on the evening of June 5 and give the results of their experiences with the city manager plan of management. The public school board of Clarke county, at Berryville, has unanimously elected, at its meeting on Saturday, the action of the state board of education in making numerous changes in the curriculum to be used by the children of the state.

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